## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION - CINCINNATI

TESS RHODUS, : Case No. 1:19-cv-217

Plaintiff, : Judge Matthew W. McFarland

Magistrate Judge Stephanie K. Bowman

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL

SECURITY,

Defendant. :

## ORDER OVERRULING OBJECTIONS (Doc. 18), ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION (Doc. 16), AND TERMINATING CASE

This action is before the Court on Magistrate Judge Stephanie K. Bowman's Report and Recommendation (Doc. 16). Magistrate Judge Bowman recommended that the Court find that the administrative law judge's finding of non-disability be affirmed because it is supported by substantial evidence. (*Id.* at PageID 1245, 1259.) Plaintiff Tess Rhodus filed objections (Doc. 18). This case is ripe for the Court's review.

Rhodus uses her objections to rehash the same arguments she raised before Magistrate Judge Bowman. She claims the ALJ erred in weighing the opinion evidence of her primary physician and physical therapist. These same arguments were thoroughly considered before Magistrate Judge Bowman rejected them. Objections to magistrate judges' reports and recommendations are not meant to be vehicles for rehashing arguments that the magistrate judge already considered. *Nickelson v. Warden, Chillicothe Corr. Inst.*, No. 1:11-CV-00334, 2012 WL 700827, at \*4 (S.D. Ohio Mar. 1, 2012). Such

objections fail to identify any specific errors in the magistrate judge's report and

recommendation. Owens v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec., No. 1:12-CV-47, 2013 WL 1304470, at \*3

(W.D. Mich. Mar. 28, 2013). Instead, objections that recite arguments made to the

magistrate judge effectively duplicate the functions of the district court "as both the

magistrate and the district court perform identical tasks. This duplication of time and

effort wastes judicial resources rather than saving them, and runs contrary to the

purposes of the Magistrates Act." Howard v. Sec'y of Health & Human Servs., 932 F.2d 505,

509 (6th Cir. 1991).

Nonetheless, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure

72(b), the Court has made a de novo review of the record in this case. Upon review, the

Court finds that Rhodus's objections are not well-taken and are accordingly

OVERRULED. The Court ADOPTS the Report and Recommendation (Doc. 16) in its

entirety and finds that the ALJ's decision is SUPPORTED BY SUBSTANTIAL

**EVIDENCE** and **AFFIRMED**. Accordingly, this case is **CLOSED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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JUDGE MATTHEW W. McFARLAND

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